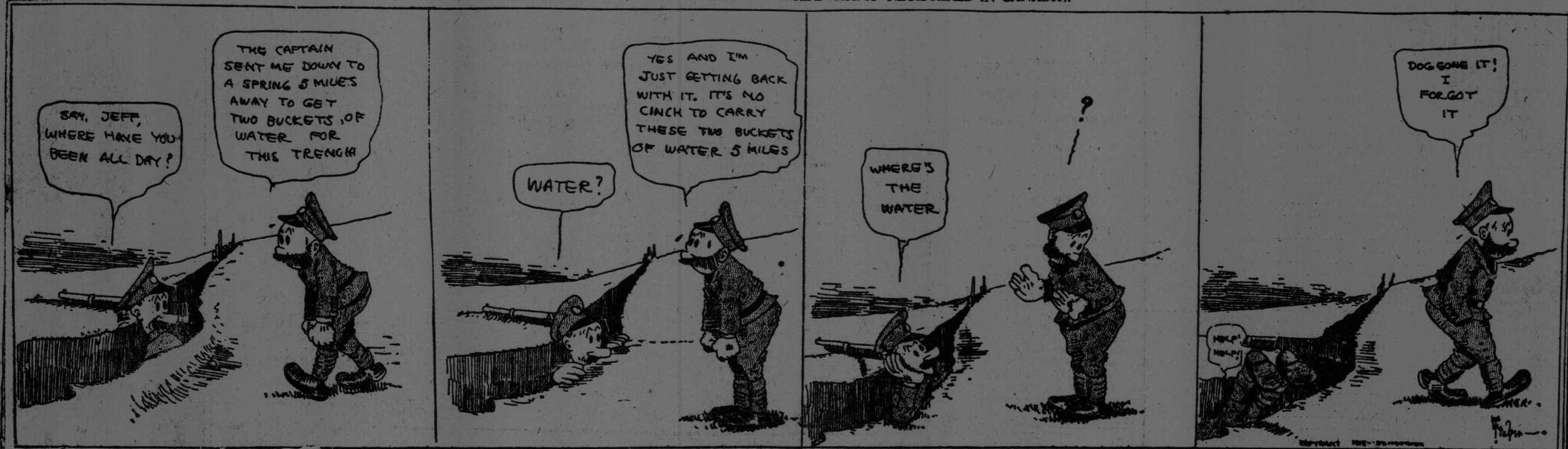


## Mutt and Jeff--You've Forgotten Things Yourself, you Know you Have :. By "Bud" Fisher

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## Can Break Through In West When Time Comes

London, Dec. 29, 10.15 p. m.—Despatches from both east and west express the belief that the winter weather is likely to prove the most severe obstacle to war operations on the principal fronts during the next few weeks.

"The most dreaded period of winter is from the end of December to the end of January," was a French general's reply a year ago to the demand for a great offensive. The same remark would probably apply, equally this year. The allied troops would probably have little trouble in occupying the great part of the German front trenches forthwith, because the enemy holds these lightly. But then with the ranges registered to a nicety from myriads of artillery and machine guns, such a step would be sheer suicide, until the opportunity is right.

No official announcement is yet available in London as to the decision of the cabinet in favor of compulsion, but the political atmosphere has been considerably cleared up by the admission that the principle of compulsion is accepted by a majority of the members of the cabinet. Public opinion has not yet crystallized, but there is widespread approval of Premier Asquith's general attitude, and there is a feeling that the public is quite ready to be convinced.

## British Bombing Party Strikes Hard

London, Dec. 29.—The British official statement on the progress of the campaign, issued tonight, reads as follows: "The enemy made an unsuccessful attack on one of our aerodromes. Of four machines only two reached their objective. No damage was done. One of our aeroplanes was shot down."

"Last night there was a successful enterprise near Arras. The enemy's trenches were entered and bombed with good effect. The casualties were numerous. After ten minutes the party withdrew. Our casualties were light. "Today our artillery was effective against the trenches and bullets in many places between Mametz and Monchy.

The enemy exploded two small mines near Givenchy. There was no damage to either troops or trenches.

"The day was quiet south of La Bassee Canal. About Ypres a heavy reciprocal bombardment occurred."

London, Dec. 29.—"The British grand fleet; which as a grand fleet has never yet had the opportunity of being in action, has nevertheless from hour to hour, day by day, through all the months of the war, been the foundation upon which everything else has rested," was the summary by A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, of the lessons to be derived from a moving picture record of the activities of the fleet, over the first production of which he presided this afternoon.

Mr. Balfour declared that the film shown was "packed with lessons of the deepest importance to Britons and to the world."

"The success of all the land operations of the Allies, from Arras to the north, to the Persian Gulf, ultimately depended, he believed, on the British fleet, because, were it removed, the Allied nations, "now banded together against the tyranny of the central powers," would be cut off from the outer world and from each other. He doubted whether the magnitude of the task thrown upon the British navy and "so far triumphantly accomplished," was yet realized.

## THE RECRUITING DEMONSTRATION

Will Be Held on New Year's Rain or Shine

## SIX BANDS WILL TAKE PART

Parades From All Sections Will Converge at Foot of King Street at Three O'Clock and March to Armory—The Speakers

The recruiting demonstration of New Year's day will be held rain or shine, irrespective of the weather, and the plans, which now are almost complete, indicate that it will be the biggest effort of this kind which the city ever has seen. The arrangements, as follows, are complete except for the possible addition of other speakers.

The 115th Battalion will assemble at the armory under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Wedderburn and proceed to Scott's corner with the 62nd Band to accompany the North End parade, will leave Scott's corner at 2.30 o'clock and proceed by way of Main and Mill streets, halting at the west corner of Union and Mill streets till the 69th pass into Dock street, then follow them down Dock street.

The 140th Battalion will assemble at their quarters, West St. John, under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Gunning and proceed to the ferry with the 104th band. Link up there with detachment from the Siege Battery, Bugle band and citizens from Fairville and Carleton. Leaving Carleton on 2.30 trip of ferry. Proceed along Water street and await orders enroute to Market Square.

The 69th Battalion will leave the armory at 2 o'clock for East End under command of Lieutenant-Colonel Danseman and proceed to Haymarket Square, leaving there at 2.30 o'clock by way of Brussels street to Union, along Union to Dock and proceed across Market Square on northerly side of street car tracks till band comes to water fountain and halt. The Cadets will assemble at the High School, under command of Major Magee, march down Chipman's hill, halt and await orders at entrance to Market Square.

The Boy Scouts, under command of R. J. McPherson will assemble at Y. M. C. A. at 2.45, march down Chipman's hill, halt in rear of Cadets.

Bands to assemble: 69th, armory, 2 o'clock; 62nd, armory, 2 o'clock; 104th, West Side, 2 o'clock; Temple of Honor Band, Scott's corner, 2.30 o'clock; City Cornet Band, City Hall, 2.45 o'clock. Parade to move up King street at 3 o'clock.

## Order of Procession

Marshalls: Colonel B. R. Armstrong, Captain L. P. D. Tilley.

69th Band.  
69th Battalion from Market Square.

62nd Band.  
115th Battalion.  
Temple of Honor Band.

104th Band off Water street.  
140th Battalion off Water street.  
Bugle Band.

Siege Battery off Water street.  
Cadets off Chipman's hill.  
Boy Scouts off Chipman's hill.

City Cornet Band assembled at City Hall 2.45, precede mayor and commissioners and recruiting committee, along Prince William street to corner of King street and await orders.

Mayor and commissioners in auto, followed by recruiting committee and follow the Boy Scouts.

Route of procession will be up King to Charlotte, along Charlotte to Union, down Union to Sydney, along Sydney to south side of King Square to Charlotte, along Charlotte to Princess, up Princess to Sydney, down Sydney past Soldiers' Club to north side of Queen Square to Charlotte, down Charlotte to St. James, along St. James to Carleton to the armory.

On arrival at the armory the procession will move past into the Barrack Square till the mayor and commissioners arrive at entrance to armory where they will turn to right and enter building, the general public following.

Mayor and commissioners will occupy platform with the speakers who are to address the meeting, also the colonels of each battalion.

The meeting at the armory will be addressed by Lieutenant Beique, Lieutenant-Colonel Wedderburn, Lieutenant-Colonel Gunning, with E. A. Schofield, chairman.

The 69th Band will attend in the armory.

Representatives of recruiting committee are: North End, A. M. Rowan; East End, Hugh H. McEllan; South End, Jas. H. McKinney; West Side, Captain Mulcahey.

## "A HISSING ON THE LIPS OF HISTORY"

You Cannot Depend on Germany to Take Care of the Belgians.

"Germany as a rehabilitator of Belgium is a mockery and a by-word, and a hissing on the lips of history," says the Philadelphia Public Ledger in editorial comment on the way in which the invaders have assisted the people of Belgium in the parts of the country under occupation.

"A hissing on the lips of history," this strong language coming from a neutral paper in a neutral country should bring home forcibly to Canadians the real state of affairs. Belgium needs the rehabilitation. That is evident by the

Belgium and the world cannot depend upon Germany to attend to the rehabilitation or the care of the Belgians. The friends and the allies of the suffering, heroic little country must look after that and the need is a dire one. "Give us bread" is the plea of starving Belgium and Canadians must answer the cry and send the wheat to make the flour needed. Every community in Canada today has its Belgian relief workers and all donations go through the one great channel—the Belgian Relief Commission—which not only guarantees the honest and equitable distribution of the food supply but sees that the German "rehabilitators" do not get an ounce of the food for the Belgians.

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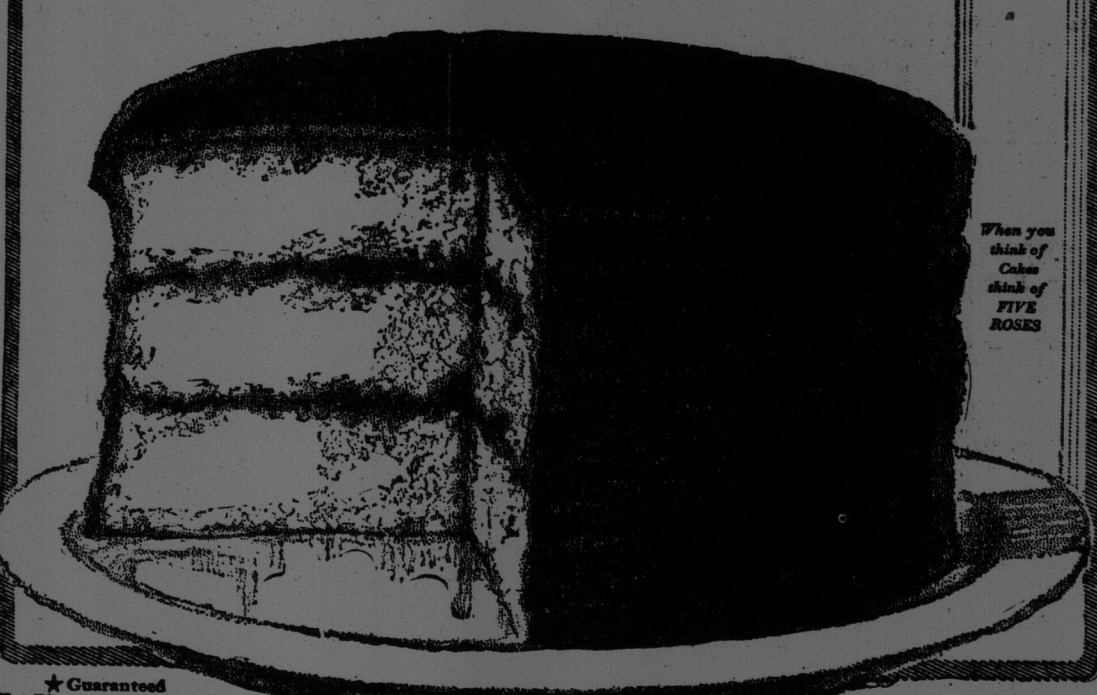
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